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REMARKS

The present application contains Claims 41 to 204. Claims 102 to 111, 193 and 194 received examination in the October 6, 2005, Office action. Applicants retain them here for further examination.

In the October 6, 2005, Office action, Claims 1 to 110, 193 and 194 were rejected under the nonstatutory, obviousness-type double patenting doctrine. Applicants' prior issued U.S. patent 6,645,163 represented the underlying reference for the rejection. Claim 111 was objected to for depending from a rejected base claim.

However, as noted in the Office action, a nonstatutory, obviousness-type rejection may be overcome with a terminal disclaimer. Accordingly, Applicants submit such a terminal disclaimer through the use of form PTO/SB/26 executed by their undersigned attorney. Since the attorney technically acts on behalf of the corporate assignee, Deca-Medics, Inc., the accompanying form PTO/SB/96 shows ownership of the present application (through the parent application) in that entity. These papers would appear to warrant the withdrawal of the double patenting rejection and the allowance of the subject application.

Applicants also wish to point out that the claims receiving examination in the October 6, 2005, Office action have presently undergone amendment to remove the word "means" from them. This, of course, is done to remove any possible ambiguity in the claims from the use of this term.

The present RESPONSE appears to place the subject application in condition for allowance. This action is sincerely requested. If, however, some minor impediment should prevent this action, then the examiner is respectfully requested to telephone Applicant's attorney at the number given below. The ensuing conversation would portend the solving of any such problem and the saving of substantial effort on the part of the Patent and Trademark Office as well as Applicants.

Applicants enclose the form PTO-2038 of the undersigned attorney in the amount of \$125.00 to cover the cost of a terminal disclaimer (\$65.00) and for a one-month extension of the time to respond (\$60.00), all for a small entity. Any required terminal-

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Respectfully submitted,


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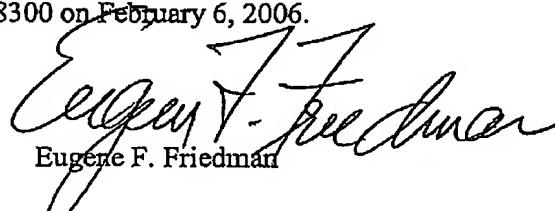
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